

BULLETIN

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To: Workers' Compensation Insurance Carriers
Self-insured Employers
Third Party Administrators

From: Joyce A. Sewell, Director
Industrial Accidents

Date: May 1, 2006

Re: 2006 Average Weekly Wage
Medical Fee Schedule
Ambulance Rates

Average Weekly Wage

The Average Weekly Wage on which to base weekly workers' compensation benefits will increase from \$609.00 per week to \$631.00 per week beginning July 1, 2006. A Quick Reference Guide to weekly benefits is accompanying this bulletin.

Medical Fee Schedule

The Utah Labor Commission is adopting the 2006 RBRVS medical fees for medical services provided on or after July 1, 2006. The conversion factors to apply to the different specialties will remain the same. The Commission's Medical Fee Guidelines, which includes the rule adopting the fee schedule, conversation rates, and other guidelines, may be ordered through the Labor Commission or may be downloaded at the Labor Commission's Web site at www.laborcommission.utah.gov under the Industrial Accidents Division's section. The Web site will be updated with the new rule and guidelines after June 30, 2006.

Impairment Rating Guides

The Commission is updating the Utah Impairment Guides as of July 1, 2006. The Guides may be ordered through the Labor Commission or may be downloaded at the Labor Commission's Web site at www.laborcommission.utah.gov.

Ambulance Rates

As per Rule R612-2-19, the state's Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services sets the rates for ambulance services. The rates established by EMS are to be paid per that rate. The rates may not be reduced using a "Usual and Customary" formula.